

## Special Issue

# Words and Images Serving Christianity

### Message from the Guest Editors

- Words and images such as logos, light (light of light, the binomial light-darkness), manifestation, vision, the good and its diffusive nature, beauty, and the controversial notions processio and emanatio are key features in the Christian sacral worldview. Likewise, the concept of imago (image), the dynamics of similarity between humanity and God, the tradition of the mirror (speculum), or the idea of the soul as a steed also figure prominently. They aim to make the invisible visible through a thought process that could be described as "brilliant", as it often employs visual colors or igneous elements.
- These artistic and visual manifestations have served not only to narrate sacred history but also to form a bridge between the human and the divine. Through words and images, the Christian tradition seeks to express the inexpressible, render the unseen tangible, and bring spiritual truths into human understanding.
- We invite papers that explore these themes in various fields, such as theology, philosophy, religious studies, literature, and art.

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